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REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen's Accounts,

AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H.,

FROM FEB. 25, 1867, TO MARCH 6, 1868.

DOVER, N. H.
H. H. GOODWIN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1868.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Joshua B. Smith, Treasurer for 1866, *in account with the Selectmen of Durham.*

Cash on hand as per Town Report,		$741 74
Received of George W. Palmer,		350 00
" Ira Willey,		112 00
" George E. Edgerly,		100 00
" Town of Madbury for plank,		2 82
		$1306 56
Paid Julia Doyle, interest on note,	26 00	
John Emerson, " "	48 00	
Ira Willey, " "	12 36	
William H. Allen, " "	11 00	
Rebecca Palmer, " "	15 50	
Winthrop S. Meserve, road breaking,	3 00	
Israel P. Church, snow bill,	4 66	
Alfred S. Doe, "	1 33	
Nathan Keniston, for son snow bill,	50	
John Watson, "	11 00	
John Emerson, note,	800 00	
William H. Allen, note,	315 00	
Rebecca Palmer, note in part,	25 00	
George Wadleigh, printing Town Accounts,	32 00	
		1305 35
Balance paid over to the Treasurer for 1867,		1 21

Report of Committee on sale of Town Farm.

By cash received from sale of personal property at farm,		1440 80
" " of Town Farm,		7200 00
Jacob Mathes, to 11 days as Committee,	22 00	
To collecting and paying out money,	15 00	
Printing,	8 75	
Cash to J. A. Richardson for making Deed,	5 00	
Searching records and recording deed,	85	
E. J. Coffin's bill,	27 00	
James Butler's bill,	33 00	
Joseph C. Bartlett's bill,	20 00	
Cyrus G. Smith's bill,	58 50	
J. J. Robinson for surveying,	15 00	
Revenue stamps and paper,	8 50	
John P. Emerson for things at farm,	12 75	
	$226 35	
Notes and cash to J. B. Smith, Treasurer,	965 00	
" " J. S. Burnham, "	7449 45	
		8640 80

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Jonathan Jenkins for 1 cord wood,	$7 50	
Winthrop S. Meserve, balance for services as Overseer of the Poor,	8 33	
John P. Emerson, services as Supt. Town Farm,	300 00	
Jacob K. Foss, soap bill,	5 40	
Samuel F. Long, snow bill 1864,	1 25	
		$322 48

BREAKING ROADS.

George J. Wiggin,	$4 42	
" "	3 50	
John O. Wiggin,	1 67	
Wm. J. Channel,	5 50	
E. J. Parsons,	1 67	
John Mathes,	7 00	
Dudley B. Bickford,	16 33	
		40 00

ABATEMENTS.

John B. Griffith's List.		
Albert M. Nute,	3 40	
George W. Long,	3 40	
Joseph Edgerly,	3 68	
George E. Langley,	3 40	
		$13 88
Lafayette Hall's List.		
Alfred Mathes' heirs,	$0 67	
Charles S. Davis,	4 53	
Sarah B. Drew,	1 33	
William Wangham,	3 20	
Sarah Drew,	1 33	
Orin T. Hutchinson,	3 20	
Samuel L. Tyler,	3 20	
Charles A. Tuttle,	3 20	
Sarah A. Bennett,	40	
John Burnneld,	3 20	
Charles H. Reynolds,	3 20	
John H. Hogan,	3 20	
James R. Sheham,	3 20	
Ralph Corson's heirs,	67	
Hopley Demeritt's heirs	1 00	
David S. Glidden,	8 00	
Valentine Smith, jr,	26 67	
Samuel Emerson,	3 00	
G. & W. P. Frost,	6 34	
Michael Morraity,	3 33	
Butler & Chesley,	7 62	
		$80 49

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Interest on Town Notes,	$2572 48
Notes,	5315 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Piscassic Bridge.		
E. M. Davis labor,	1 25	
J. S. & E. Bennett, 148 feet bridge plank,	2 66	
Wm. J. Channel labor on Mill Bridge,	5 00	
J. S. Burnham 727 feet bridge plank,	14 54	
		$23 45

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, E. Jenkins,	$223 31	
2, Winthrop Meserve,	75 57	
3, Joseph Smith,	92 86	
4, Moses G. Woodman,	138 29	
4, Chas F. Demeritt,	2 20	
5, E. M. Davis,	134 41	
5, S. H. Brock, Newmarket,	6 28	
6. Warren Smith,	96 02	
7, Nathaniel Stevens, jr.,	132 65	
8, J. S. Burnham,	120 99	
9, John F. Ham, jr.,	113 40	
10, Edward B. Griffiths,	95 62	
		1235 60

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Dist. No. 2, W. S. Meserve,	12 00	
" 6, Warren Smith,	398 41	
" 10, Thomas H. Wiswal,	325 00	
		$735 41

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. J. Lane, books and stationery, postage stamps,	11 08
H. W. B. Grover, guide boards,	9 25
John Smart, care of hearse,	2 00
John Drew, services in town meeting,	5 00
Lafayette Hall, tax bills,	3 00
M. C. Clark, coal,	2 00
Insurance on Town Hall Building,	10 00
John W. E. Thompson, services as Town Clerk,	26 49
Nat. W. Woodhouse, services as Superintending School Committee,	40 00
Lafayette Hall, services as Collector of Taxes,	75 00
Joseph C. Bartlett as Selectman,	30 00
" " extra services,	5 00
Ebenezer Kent, Jr., services as Selectman,	30 00
" " extra services,	5 00

J. S. Burnham, Selectman and Treasurer,	55 00	
" " extra services,	5 00	
" " non-res. highway tax worked out,	48 45	
" " making and collecting bank tax,	16 25	
C. H. Mathes, damages to sheep by dogs,	8 00	
Francis Demerritt, " " "	10 00	
		396 52
Pauper expenses,	102 40	
Jos. C. Bartlett, serv. as Overseer of the Poor,	50 00	
		152 40

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State tax for 1867,	2656 25	
County tax for '67,	1027 25	
		3683 50

Balance on Bank stock tax due	38 60
" on Lafayette Hall's list due,	100 00

CREDIT ACCOUNT.

Received Joshua B. Smith, balance in Treasury,	1 21	
" Jacob B. Mathes, from sales at Town Farm,	4636 95	
" Winthrop S. Meserve, Overseer of Poor,	329 84	
" James Butler, on note of Butler & Chesley,	500 00	
" Jackson & Runlett, wharf rent,	5 00	
" Wm. P. Frost, store rent,	115 00	
" Savings Bank tax dividend,	490 61	
" Railroad tax dividend,	555 42	
" Literary Fund,	45 66	
" Resident taxes,	6843 23	
" Non-resident taxes,	223 09	
" " highway taxes,	55 79	
" Dog taxes,	54 00	
" United States bounties,	165 00	
" Tax on Bank stock,	547 30	
" School House taxes,	735 41	
		15303 43

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Bills,	$322 48	
Abatements in J. B. Griffith's List,	13 88	
" " Lafayette Hall's List,	90 48	
Interest paid on Town Notes,	2562 48	
Town Notes paid,	5316 00	
Snow Bills,	40 09	
School Money,	1235 60	
Roads and Bridges,	23 45	
School-house Taxes,	735 41	
General Expenses,	396 52	
Pauper Expenses,	102 40	
Joseph C. Bartlett, services as Overseer,	50 00	
State Tax,	2656 25	
County Tax,	1027 25	
Balance on Bank Stock tax, due,	38 60	
Balance due on Lafayette Hall's List,	100 00	
Cash on hand in Treasury,	592 56	
		$15303 45

Indebtedness of the Town as per last years Report,		$31176 00
Notes paid,	$5316 00	
Balance due on Butler and Chesley Note,	2312 50	
Cash on hand,	592 56	
		$8221 06
Indebtedness of the Town Mar. 6th,		22954 94

J. S. BURNHAM,
EBENEZER KENT, Jr.,
JOSEPH C. BARTLETT, } *Selectmen of Durham.*

DURHAM, N. H., MAR. 6th, 1868.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them well vouched and accurately cast.

W. S. MESERVE,
SAMUEL RUNLETT, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Paid John S. & E. Bennett for supplies furnished Mrs. Harris and Cragon,	$49 00
Cyrus G. Smith for wood for Mrs. Harris,	4 00
John S. & E. Bennett, supplies furnished Mrs. Stimpson,	42 64
John Bartlett for wood " " "	2 50
C. H. Tuttle " " " "	2 00
Aaron Corson, moving " "	1 00
Charles H. Corson for house rent " " "	8 75
M. M. Easterbrooks, supplies furnised Sarah B. Drew,	17 08
" " " " Davis' child,	15 60
M. C. Clark, supplies furnished Sarah B. Drew,	23 07
Natt W. Woodhouse, medical attendance and books for Davis' child,	1 15
Mrs. Sophia Emerson for board of the Davis child to Nov. 26,	28 50
" " " March 1,	20 25
Dudley P. Bickford, wood delivered Mathias Edgerly,	3 00
M. H. Carpenter for coffin and delivery " wife,	7 00
Joseph C. Bartlett, cash for medicines for " "	1 00
M. S. Badger for robe " " "	3 50
E. Kent for digging grave—lumber and labor, "	5 75
M. C. Clark, supplies furnished Mathias Edgerly,	3 27
Maria Dame for labor at M. Edgerly's	1 50
S. Edgerly " " "	1 50
George Cate attendance and board of Grant child while sick,	20 00
Natt W. Woodhouse, medical attendance on Grant child,	9 33
M. C. Clark, supplies furnished " "	4 12
Town of Exeter for supplies furnished Mrs. S. B. Pike,	19 50
Sarah P. Bennett " " Polly Ellet,	5 00
J. L. Boardman, shoes " " "	65
Daniel Chesley for board of Mrs. Johnson and P. Smith,	40 00
Nancy Odeon for supplies furnished John Bickford,	12 50
E. H. Bradley, labor and sundries furnished at Town Farm,	3 47
M. C. Clark, board and lodging for Transient Paupers,	8 00
Joseph C. Bartlett, cash paid for tobacco and snuff for Dame and Chelsey,	1 00
Joseph C. [illegible] for Mrs. Johnson,	25
" [illegible] for Mrs. Chesley,	25
" [illegible] to Exeter,	1 00
" [illegible] and stationery,	75
" [illegible] paupers to County Farm,	12 00

W. B. Small for legal advice,	2 00
supplies furnished transient paupers,	6 67
expense to Portsmouth,	5 00
cash to Edgerly and A. Tobey,	3 00
taking three depositions,	3 00
	$399 56

	Dr.
To cash received of County,	220 27
received of Town of Lee for Mrs. Stimpson's bill,	56 89
" " New Market for Mrs. S. B. Drew,	20 00
" J. S. Burnham, Treasurer,	102 40
	$399 56

JOSEPH C. BARTLETT, *Overseer of Poor.*

DURHAM, N. H., MARCH 6, 1868.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term was taught by Miss MARY C. COOKE. Miss Cooke has taught [I think] two schools in this town before. She has a natural talent for teaching, and therefore gives good satisfaction. She says in her report that the school was very pleasant. When I visited the school at the close of the term, I thought they had made very good improvement, both in their studies and manners. One great fault in this district is lack of punctuality. The parents allow their children to be about the stores instead of sending them directly to the school-house, which affects the average of the school very much. Miss Cooke has mentioned the names of those who were not tardy or absent during the term, which are as follows: Mary Sanders, Augusta Davis, Melvin Davis, John Smart, Amos Smart, Eddie Smart. She says the following are worthy of mention: Frank Jenkins, George Ransom and Frank Giles. Abbie R. Langley received no mark during the term. Length of school, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $28; number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 34.

Winter Term; Teacher, Miss MELISSA J. YOUNG. Miss Young has taught in this district before, and the Committee was aware that she was needed for the winter term, and made the right choice. The school showed at the examination that they had been taught in a thorough manner. Length of school. 13 1-2 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $36; number of scholars, 57; average attendance, 43. Names of scholars not absent or tardy during the term: Isaac F. Sawyer, Frank M. Jenkins, John H. Smart, Amos Smart, Charley E. Smart, George W. Ransom, Frank E. Giles, Annie L. Thompson, Mary F. Smith, Georgia Langley, Annie Long, Julia Long, Ada A. Davis, Abbie L. Ransom.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss CARRIE E. BUZZELL, who passed a very good examination, but will need more experience in order to make a first class teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $20; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 13.

Winter Term; Teacher, Miss RHODA J. DAVIS. Miss Davis has taught in this district about ten months, before this term, and has always given good satisfaction. The examination showed that she had labored hard to discharge her duty, and the most of the scholars made fair progress. Length of school, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $25; whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20 3-20. Scholars not absent or tardy during the term: Bessie Chesley, Frank Ransom, Forrest Smith, Orrin Jones, Samuel Chesley.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Teacher,—Miss RHODA J. DAVIS was employed both terms. Suffice it to say that she sustained her excellent character as a teacher and the high standing of her school. Length of 1st term, 8 weeks; 2nd term, 5 7-10; wages of teacher per month, 1st term, $25; 2nd term, $25. Number of scholars, 1st term, 14: 2nd term, 13; average attendance, 1st term, 13 9-10; 2nd term, 12 7-10. Scholars not absent or tardy, 1st term; Mary J. Bunker, Bessie Chesley, Sarah Hodgdon, Mary Ransom, Winifred Smith, Lovey Emerson, Josephine Odione, Fred. M. Bunker; Jas. F. Bunker, Stephen Chesley, Frank Ransom, F. S. Smith, E. Odione; 2nd term, not absent: Bessie Chesley, Sarah Hodgdon, Lovey Emerson, Mary Ransom, Stephen Chesley, Frank Ransom, Forrest Smith, Winifred Smith. Not tardy: Mary Bunker, Sarah Hodgdon, Winifred Smith, Lovey Emerson, Josephine Odione, Ada B. Smith, Fred. Bunker, Forrest Smith, Elmer Odione.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms were taught by Miss MARY C. COOKE. She has also taught in this district before, and has the recommendation of being a good teacher, and we must say that no teacher in town, in our opinion, has taught better schools than Miss Cooke. Length of school 1st term 9 1-2 weeks; 2d term 10 weeks; wages of teacher per month $28, number of scholars, 1st term, 20; 2d term 18; average attendance, 1st term 13, 2d term 14.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Teacher Miss MARY J. LANGLEY. The same teacher was employed both terms and did well. She has taught 13 months in this district before this term. This school bears an excellent character with some few exceptions. Length of school, 1st term 27 weeks, 2nd term 29. Av- attendance, 1st term 24 1-3, 2nd term 23 4-5. Names of those not absent during the term, George W. Tuttle, Charles H. Tuttle, Herbert Tuttle, Charles S. Atherton, Chester Atherton, Mattie T. Davis, Percie B. Wiggin, M. Esther Woodman.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Teacher, Miss A. M. HARVEY. Miss Harvey had her first experience at teaching in this district. She has taught in No. 6 two months before this year; she I think had a pleasant school, it certainly appeared pleasant to me when I visited it. The examination, showed that they had been under thorough discipline. In District No. 6 they have got a very good school-house, and are well supplied with Text Books. Length of school, 1st term, 9 weeks; 2d term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month $20; whole number of scholars, 1st term 11; 2d term 12. Average attendance, 1st term 8 16-45; 2d term 10 27-45.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Teacher first term Miss LYDIA K. HAYES. Miss Hayes is an experienced teacher. She had taught twenty-four months before this term. She is well qualified, and the school compared well with others. In this district they have a good school-house and many conveniences, such as a clock, thermometer, globe, etc. Immediately after the summer school, Miss CARRIE A. MATHES taught a private school, and was very successful. With some experience she will make one of our first class teachers. Length of summer term 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month $22. Whole number of scholars 27; average attendance 22 1-2.

Winter Term, teacher, Miss KATE HAMILTON. At the commencement of the term both teacher and scholars appeared very well. I was unable to visit the school at the close. The teacher says she had a pleasant school. The scholars were obedient with a few exceptions. The names of those who took the highest rank are as follows: Hannah Mathes, Charles Mathes, George Mathes, Emma E. Mathes, Emma O. Mathes, Fred Neal. Length of term 10 weeks; wages of

teacher per month $24; whole number of scholars 27; average attendance 21 35-49. Those not absent, tardy or dismissed, Mazzella Stevens, Annie Pinkham, Ada Meader.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Teacher 1st term, Miss ELLEN A. JENKINS. Miss Jenkins is an experienced teacher. She was laborious and met with good success. She says but few of the parents visited the school, but seemed anxious for its success and willing to sustain in all efforts for improvement.

Length of school 6 2-5 weeks; wages of teacher per month $24.

Number of scholars 35; average attendance 29 3-7. Names of scholars not absent, Lovey Drew, Mary Drew, Abbie L. Coffin, Emma Richardson, Charles W. Coffin, Charles Evans, Frank Doe, James Burnham, John Marrorty and Adila Stevens missed not one word in spelling during the term. Winter Term, teacher, CHARLES W. FALL. Mr. Fall was competent as to literary attainments, but has not the experience necessary, and every young teacher is very liable to fail of complete success. In this case the school promised well in the beginning, but some difficulty arose with regard to the government, and its appearance at the close was as good as I had hoped it would be. Length of school 9 3-5 weeks; wages of teacher per month $32; number of scholars 29; average attendance 24.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Teacher both terms MISS HATTIE E. SANBORN. Miss Sanborn is an experienced teacher, and the school appeared much better at the close of the 1st term than at the commencement. At the commencement of the 2d term I found Miss Sanborn discharging her duty as before, but at the close Miss Sanborn had taken another school, and got Miss Young, to finish in No. 9, so I cannot judge so well as to Miss Sanborns report. The 2nd term however the school appeared very well at the close, and the teacher says she had a very good school. Length of school 1st term 8 weeks, 2nd term 8 1-2 weeks. Wages of teacher per month $24. Whole number of scholars 1st term 35, 2nd term 32. Average attendance, 1st term 30 13-180, 2nd term 20 77-79.

Names of scholars not absent one half day 1st term Debbia Sanborn, Jennie E. Chapman, Captolia Thompson, Nellie Thompson, Julia Malloy Maggie Malloy, Herbert Smart, Charles Chapman, Minnie

Barritt, Thomas Barritt. Not absent or tardy 2nd term, Jennie Chapman, Herbert Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Teacher both teams, Miss E. R. Bennett. Miss Bennett was not an experienced teacher, but well qualified and met with success during the summer term, and I trust did as well in the winter, but the school closed sooner than was expected, and I was not notified. Length of school, 1st term 10 weeks, 2nd term 5 3-5 weeks. Wages of teacher per month $26. Number of scholars 1st term 18, 2nd term 13. Average attendance 1st term 16 47-49,—2nd term 12 29-52.

Not tardy, absent or dismissed 1st term, Kate Mc Kone, Annie Blanchard, Nellie J. Perkins, Carrie F. Knight, Abbie F. Fogg, Edward Mc Kone, Florence Perkins, George H. Corson.

NATT. W. WOODHOUSE, *S. S. Committee.*

Durham, March 2, 1868.

Co. B. Phillips
" D. Geo. R. [illegible]

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